

FY2010 Appropriations Request Form

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Individuals/Organizations must respond to all questions on the form. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

All requests will be evaluated before the 12th Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov. The panel will convene on the following days; Saturday, March 7, Friday, March 13 and Friday, March 20, 2009. All proposals must be submitted by March 2, 2009.

Date Submitted: March 2, 2009

Project Name: Sewer Pipe Replacement Project

Individual/Organization: *(Is the grantee located in the 12th Congressional District?)*
Yes

Amount Requested *(if requesting report language, please attach.):*

\$1,000,000

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status *(e.g., "Public Law 107-111"; "FY2008 DOD Authorization", "Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee", "Safe Drinking Water Act" or "Hatch Act"):*

The County is requesting Federal support for this project in the FY 2010 Interior-Environment Appropriations Bill's Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) State and Tribal Assistance Accounts Grant (STAG) account.

Local Contact *(Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact.):*

Mary McMillan, Deputy County Manager
County of San Mateo
400 County Center, First Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Washington D.C. Contact:

Eve O'Toole and Dustin McDonald, MARC Associates

Organization's Main Activities. *(Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, private, non-profit or private for-profit entity.)*

The San Mateo County Department of Public Works (County) operates and maintains ten sanitary sewer districts (Districts) within various areas of the County primarily in the unincorporated areas.

The many segments of the sewer systems have exceeded their useful life. As of 2008, the age of the sewer systems ranges from 25 to 78 years old. Despite regular maintenance, old pipes are more subject to cracking, breaking and blockages that cause sanitary sewer overflows. In 2008 the County had a total of 43 sewer overflows. Sewer system overflows can pollute surface or ground waters, and threaten public health.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form. *(Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.)*

Expenditures	Amount
Project Construction	\$8,300,000
Engineering and Construction Administration	\$3,300,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,600,000

Proposed Revenue Sources	Amount
Increased sewer service charges (over five years)	\$3,800,000
Federal Appropriations Request	\$1,000,000
To be determined (grants and other sources)	\$6,800,000
TOTAL SOURCES	\$11,600,000

Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds. *(Your response must focus on the requested funds rather than the organization's mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250 – 500 words.)*

To date, the County has completed 4.8 miles of the total 17.3 miles of sewer pipes that were identified in the Sewer Master Plans. The remaining projects will cost approximately \$11.6 million and will take about 10 years to complete depending on funding. This FY2010 funding request of \$1,000,000 will enable County staff to complete several of the critical projects identified in the Districts' Sewer Master Plans. However, completion of all of the projects identified in the plans will require a multi-year effort.

How will this earmark serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding? *(Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.)*

Funding for this earmark will help the County with complete construction of critically needed sewer capital improvement projects to help eliminate sewer system overflows to protect public health and the environment. The County is providing \$3,800,000 in local match funding to advance this project.

What is the local significance of this project?

The many segments of the sewer systems of San Mateo County have exceeded their useful life. As of 2008, the age of the sewer systems ranges from 25 to 78 years old. Despite regular maintenance, old pipes are more subject to cracking, breaking and blockages that cause sanitary sewer overflows. When sewer overflows occur they pollute surface or ground waters, threaten public health, adversely affect aquatic life, and impair the recreational use and aesthetic enjoyment of surface waters. In 2007, the Districts had a total of 47 sanitary sewer overflows. Assessments of the Districts' sewer systems reveal an aging system in need of significant improvement. Each of the Districts' Sewer Master Plans prioritized capital improvements in an effort to prevent sanitary sewer overflows and preserve the integrity of the existing sewer systems. The capital improvements are needed to prevent costly emergency repairs and unanticipated sanitary sewer overflows. The master plans have identified 17.3 miles of pipe for replacement or rehabilitation with an estimated current cost of \$18.8 million. Federal support for this project will enable the County to continue to advance its effort to mitigate these overflows and protect public health for County residents.

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project? *(i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)*

The Districts serve a population of approximately 60,000 people based on Census 2000.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing. *(Please submit copies of support letters along with the proposal.)*

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
C/CAG
Burlingame Hills Improvement Association
Baywood Park Homeowner's Association
Highlands Community Association
San Mateo Oaks Homeowners Association

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project? *(Federal, State, Local or private pending?)*

Yes. Due to the overwhelming volume of repairs necessary for the County-wide sewer systems, the County has also submitted a request to Congresswoman Eshoo's office for assistance with this project.

Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project? *(Please list any funds received [by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)*

No.

Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members *(if any)*.

Supervisor Mark Church
Supervisor Richard S. Gordon
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Carole Groom
Supervisor Adrienne Tissier

Please attach any additional relevant materials.

Attached is a Fact Sheet for this project.